

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-11, 14-17 and 35-40 are pending.

Claims 1-11, 14-17 and 35-40 stand rejected.

Claims 1 – 14 and 18 - 40 have been cancelled without prejudice herein.

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claims 15 – 17 in the Final Office Action dated January 05, 2007.

Applicants had inadvertently included claims 15 - 17 drawn from an earlier date. In the Advisory Action of May 04, 2007, the Examiner notes the discrepancy with the claim language of claims 15 – 17 as part of Applicant's amendment after Final Office Action dated January 05, 2007. In response, Applicants have amended the claim listing to reflect previously presented limitations in Claim 15 in the most recent Final Rejection made on January 5, 2007. Therefore, claims 15 – 17 are now in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe they have addressed all outstanding grounds raised in the present Office action, and respectfully submit the present case is in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any questions or outstanding matters, the Examiner is cordially invited and requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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